

## CLAIMS

- 1 A spinning top comprising a body and a stem, the stem being movable between a first position in which the stem lies substantially parallel to the body and a second position in which the stem extends through an opening formed  
5 in the body, in a direction generally perpendicular to the body.
- 2 A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the opening through which the stem extends in the second position is provided generally through the centre of mass of the body.
- 3 A spinning top according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the stem is  
10 carried on the body in the first position.
- 4 A spinning top according to Claims 1 or 2, wherein the stem is at least partially received within the body in the first position.
- 5 A spinning top according to Claim 4, wherein the stem is entirely received within the body in the first position.
- 15 6 A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the stem can be moved back to the first position after use.
- 7 A spinning top according to any one of the previous claims, wherein the stem is separable from the body.
- 8 A spinning top according to any one of the previous claims, wherein the  
20 stem has arms protruding from its sides.
9. A spinning top according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein the stem is pivotally mounted on the body and the opening is sized so as to allow the stem to move therethrough when moving between the first and second positions.

10. A spinning top according to Claim 9, wherein a pivot pin is provided on the stem and is received in recesses formed in the body.
11. A spinning top according to Claim 9 or 10, wherein two pivot pins are provided, each in the form of a bridge connected at one end to the body and 5 at the other end to the stem.
12. A spinning top according to any previous claim, further comprising an outer element formed with a hole generally in its centre, which is removably mounted on either the top or bottom of the body.
13. A spinning top according to Claim 12, whereby two outer elements are 10 provided, one of which is mounted on the top of the body, the other of which is mounted on the bottom of the body.
14. A spinning top according to Claim 12 or Claim 13 wherein the outer element is in the shape of a circular disk.
15. A spinning top according to any one of Claims 12 to 14, wherein the 15 outer element extends over the majority of the top or bottom of the body.
16. A spinning top according to any one of Claims 12 to 15, wherein the body is provided with a lip or flange in which an edge of the outer element may be received.
17. A spinning top according to any one of Claims 12 to 16, wherein the 20 outer element is formed from a resilient material.
18. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the stem or the pivot pins are formed with one or more latch portions which engage the body when the stem is in the second position.

19. A spinning top according to Claim 18, wherein the latch portions formed on the stem or the pivot pins engage one or more corresponding latch portions formed on the body when the stem is in the second position.
20. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the profile of the stem varies along the length of the stem.  
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21. A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the stem is provided with a portion of larger cross-sectional area approximately half way along its length.
22. A spinning top according to Claims 20 or 21, wherein the stem has a circular profile.  
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23. A spinning top according to Claims 20 or 21, wherein the stem has a non-circular profile.
24. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the stem is provided with a rounded, pyramidal or other pointed tip.  
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25. A spinning top according to Claim 24, wherein each end of the stem has a rounded, pyramidal or other pointed tip.
26. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the stem is formed with a handle portion.
27. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the body is a substantially planar circular disk.  
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28. A spinning top according to any previous claim, wherein the components are formed from a plastics material.